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Photo by SrA Chrissy Sczepanski

Tearing down

TSgt. Darrell Woodward, 75th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron, breaks down a stretcher used at the NBC Decontamination Tent Thursday. The tent was torn down to be packed away as redeployment approaches.

Stay a champion

By Col. J.C. Dodson Commander, 75th AEG

The final week of Bright Star 01/02's field training phase is complete.

Congratulations, you have done an incredible job. By all accounts, this has been the largest and most demanding exercise of its kind ever undertaken. The force protection challenges and your efforts to effectively operate in that environment have confirmed our unsurpassed capabilities under the most demanding of conditions.

We've joined twelve nations and more than 70,000 troops in successfully conducting land, sea and air operations. The range of missions included: combined forces command and control; air-sea and ground coalition maneuvers; parachute exercises; combat search and rescue; insertion techniques;

company-level, live-fire exercises; amphibious assault; air combat, assault and refueling.

Each of you should be proud of your accomplishments and for being associated with our nation's largest coalition building exercise. You are an integral piece of our national strategy and should be proud of your personal involvement in that endeavor.

We now turn to our final challenge, our "championship event" – redeployment. The difference between athletes and champions is that champions finish their game with the same intensity as when they started. They demonstrate the personal strength and mental discipline to continually excel beyond others – that's what I expect from each of you. We begin our redeployment operations this

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Promotions

Congratulations to the airmen who were promoted in the past week

David McCahan, 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, promoted to the rank of airman first class.

Joseph Metsch, 75th ECES, promoted to the rank of airman first class. **Kory Ferguson**, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, promoted to the rank of senior airman.

Donnie Harris, 75th ECES, promoted to the rank of senior airman. **Medgar Rose**, 75th ECES, promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

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